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PHILIP MORRIS INCORPORATED LAW DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

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G. C. Adkins

DATE:

30 November 1982

FROM:

A. I. Palmer

SUBJECT:

BARCLAY - EUROPE

Here is a copy of the letter I have just received from John Bass reporting on his recent meeting in Neuchatel. The enclosures are omitted, as they are just lists of patents.

As you will see from the closing paragraph of his letter, John will be sending updated information to Fish & Neave very shortly. Meanwhile, I'm sending Ed Bailey a copy of the present letter and enclosures.

In view of our telephone discussion on Monday morning concerning events to date, I must say that I would prefer to see this whole matter left to proper coordination between Fish & Neave and Reddie & Grose, both for conducting any further searches and for rendering opinions on the results. Anything done directly by PME is more likely to be discoverable in the event of future litigation (and less likely to be effective) than work done under direction of experienced counsel. But I hesitate to ask Dr. Gaisch to leave this alone, until there is some indication from PM International's management that it is receptive to our handling this as I've suggested.

If everyone is agreeable, I would propose to have Fish & Neave deal directly with John Bass to put this effort on a sensible course.

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Attachment

cc: E. Bailey w/attachment